GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Endowments Department – Maintenance of Gosalas – Selling away of Oxen on the ground of exceeded the numbers – Banned the selling of Oxen/Bulls – Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 163 **Dated: 09-05-2017**

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ORDER :

Almost all the Major Temples in Andhra Pradesh are maintaining Sri Gokulam for Worship of Cows and Gosalas for protection of Cows. The Sanskrit word "Go" includes both female and male i.e., Cows (female) and Bull /Ox (male). The Cow is worshipped as Kamadhenu and Bulls / Oxen are worshipped as Nandeeswara.

2. It is brought to the notice of the Government that some of the Executive Officers of Temples are selling away Bulls / Oxen on various grounds namely, numbers have far exceeded the space available, excessive expenditure, and so on. The sale of Bull / Oxen / He-Calves is in-human, and against the age old Hindu traditions of Bharat. As such, all the Executive Officers in Endowments Department are prohibited from sale of Bulls /Oxen / He-Calves, under any circumstances.

3. The Executive Officers of temples are directed to maintain separate sheds / spaces in their Gosalas for (i) Cows (ii) Bulls (iii) Oxen (iv) Calves (v) those suffering with diseases (vi) Pregnant Cows, etc., as per the availability of site. It is needless to say that the Gosalas shall be properly fenced. The Executive Officers should construct good sheds which have good natural air and light, arrange not prone to flooding, good number of fans, mosquito-nets, Clean Drinking Water and fodder.

4. Further, as a part of propagating Sanatana Dharma and protect our ecology, Executive Officers are directed to:

(1) Establish units to prepare Gopanchakam, Jeevamrutam, Panchagavyam, etc., and use them in organic farming.

(2) Make specific arrangements in Anna Prasadam Kitchen and in Nivedana Kitchen to collect rice cleaning water (kuditi), vegetable wastage, rice water (ganji) in a hygienic manner, transport it and use at Gosala.

(3) Donate the Bulls / Oxen to the needy Hindu Ryots after obtaining a written affidavit on stamp paper from the applicant along with certificate issued by the Sarpanch and Village Revenue Officer (VRO) certifying that the applicant has agriculture and have financial capacity to maintain the same. The Executive Authorities have to cross check such recipients on quarterly basis at random.

(4) Shall engage one retired Veterinary Doctor on contract / honorarium basis, whenever the number of Cows, Bulls and Oxen have exceeded 25 in number.

(5) All Major Temples which have large extent of lands shall grow fodder directly in at least 5-10 acres land.

(6) All Executive Officers shall hereafter seek a share of dry fodder from the lease holders, who raise Paddy Crop or other Millet Crops.

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5. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Vijayawada and all the Executive Officers of Major Temples shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

6. Here-after, the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Vijayawada, shall conduct reviews on status of Gosalas in specific, on quarterly basis and submit report to the Government, on periodically.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Endowments Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Gollapudi, **Vijayawada**.
The Executive Officers in the Cadre of Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Joint Commissioner and I.A.S. Cadre **through** the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Gollapudi, **Vijayawada**.
The Regional Joint Commissioner, Endowments Department, Multi Zone-I, **Rajamahendravaram,** East Godavari District.
The Regional Joint Commissioner, Endowments Department, Multi Zone-II, **Tirupati,** Chittoor District.
The Deputy Commissioner, Endowments Department, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, Guntur and Kurnool **through** the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Gollapudi, **Vijayawada**.
All the Assistant Commissioners of the District **through** the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Gollapudi, **Vijayawada**.
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